

Preparing Virginia Immigrant Families for Tax Season

Why it's important:

Filing taxes is complex, and Immigrants and individuals with limited English proficiency face additional barriers to understanding the U.S. tax system, complying with filing requirements, or claiming credits they are entitled to.

Taxes are an important consideration for anyone who works in the U.S, including immigrants. Filing is required for DACA recipients and non-citizen residents with a high enough income. See information on filing taxes as an immigrant worker, [here](#).

Immigrants of any status could still be eligible for certain tax credits, such as the Child Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit.

Individuals without a Social Security Number can still file their taxes using an ITIN. See [this article](#) for information about the process of obtaining an ITIN, filing taxes using an ITIN, and important considerations for ITIN filers.

Resources:

Fliers explaining tax credits are available in 24 languages, [here](#).

Free tax preparation assistance is available for low-income individuals and families. Locate a VITA site, [here](#). (Information available in 7 languages).

Low-income individuals can also file for free, online, in less than an hour at [getyourrefund.org](https://www.getyourrefund.org). (Available in English and Spanish).

This information was compiled by the Virginia Office of New Americans. For more information about our office, or for additional resources for immigrants and refugees in Virginia, visit <https://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ona/>.

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